



# ROMANS

CRITICAL GRACE THEORY

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## Introduction:

Romans 6:14

*For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.*

## The Flow of Romans 6

1. The natural \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1 – the possibility of abusing grace)
2. The foundational \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2-10 – our placement into Christ)
3. The call to \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 11 – the pursuit of confidence)
4. The spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 12-13 – the power of surrender)
5. The declaration of \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 14-23 – the purchase of our liberty)

## Three Former Slaves:

Former Slave #1: Never \_\_\_\_\_ the good news and lives in ignorance

Former Slave #2: Never \_\_\_\_\_ the good news due to feelings/experience

Former Slave #3: \_\_\_\_\_ the good news and abandons the slave-identity

## The Big Idea:

Which former slave do you want to live like?

*(\* Slavery illustration influenced by Dr. John Best's Romans 5-8:16 Commentary & Notes Research Ed, p. 134)*

## **QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

### **Personal Life:**

1. Throughout chapter 6 of Romans, Paul has been showing the correlation between how our beliefs affect our behavior. Can you share a practical example about how this is true in your own life?

### **Ponderings:**

2. Having just finished chapter 6 in the weekend message, read through the entire chapter section by section and discuss the related questions:
  - FEAR (vs. 1) – Why is it irrational to fear that God’s grace will be the cause of more sin in a believer’s life?
  - FACTS (vs. 2-10) – What are the most significant things from this section that Christians often forget and why do you say that?
  - FAITH (vs. 11) – What does it mean, and what does it look like, when we “count ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ?”
  - FERVENCY (vs. 12-13) – How does understanding our new birth and new nature affect our zeal for offering ourselves to God?
  - FREEDOM (vs. 14-23) – In what specific way(s) is the grace of God related to empowering us to live in freedom from slavery to sin?
3. If “counting ourselves” dead to sin and alive to God is a daily act of faith, how is this a practical tool in helping or counseling other believers who are struggling? Try to be specific...
4. Having come through Romans 6, why is it so critical to embrace the reality of our singular new, holy, righteous nature and identity in Christ – rather than believing we have two natures within us?
5. What is the difference between the “sinful nature” (which is dead and gone) and the “flesh” (which is still with us)?

### **Promptings:**

6. How can you help spread the message of emancipation from slavery to Christians who are struggling with addiction and life-dominating sin?